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SUBJ: POSSIBLE AGREEMENT BETWEEN U.S. AND CZECHOSLOVAK
CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE

1. PRESIDENT CERNY OF CZECHOSLOVAK CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
INFORMED EMBASSY OFFICER FEBRUARY 1 THAT CZECHOSLOVAK CHAMBER
WOULD LIKE TO MOVE AHEAD ON PROPOSAL MADE BY U.S. CHAMBER
IN 1973 FOR ARRANGEMENT BETWEEN TWO CHAMBERS. CZECHOSLOVAK
CHAMBER WOULD BE SENDING COUNTER-DRAFT TO U.S. CHAMBER WHICH
WOULD PROBABLY AGREE IN MOST RESPECTS WITH DRAFT PROPOSAL SENT
JULY 27, 1973 BY CALDWELL OF US. CHAMBER TO CZECHOSLOVAK COMMERCIAL
ATTACHE VELEK IN WASHINGTON.

2. CERNY ADDED THAT HE WOULD LIKE TO LEAD ANOTHER CZECHOSLOVAK
CHAMBER MISSION TO U.S.(FIRST WAS IN SEPTEMBER 1972) IN SECOND
HALF OF THIS YEAR, WHICH HE SUGGESTED MIGHT BE OCCASION FOR INITIAL
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AGREEMENT, WITH FINAL SIGNATURE PERHAPS TO FOLLOW DURING RETURN U.S. VISIT TO PRAGUE.

3. SINCE CERNY TOLD US CZECHS WERE NOT WELL INFORMED ON ARRANGEMENTS CONCLUDED BY U.S. CHAMBER IN OTHER SOCIALIST COUNTRIES, WE HAVE FURNISHED HIM INFORMATION IN WARSAW'S USEFUL 5944 ON US-POLISH CHAMBER AGREEMENT OF LAST FALL.

4. CZECHOSLOVAK CHAMBER WILL PROBABLY BE SENDING COUNTER-DRAFT DIRECT TO U.S. CHAMBER, BUT WE TOLD CERNY WE WOULD CABLE DEPARTMENT WITH REQUEST THAT ABOVE INFORMATION BE PASSED TO U.S. CHAMBER. WE HAVE ALSO TOLD CERNY WE WERE SURE USG AND US CHAMBER WOULD GIVE AN POSSIBLE ASSISTANCE TO HIS PLANNED FORTHCOMING MISSION. (THIS TIME CERNY WOULD MAINLY LIKE TO VISIT WEST AND SOUTH, WHICH HE DID NOT SEE IN 1972.) INCIDENTALLY, CERNY TELLS US THAT HIS MISSION IS INTENDED PURELY FOR TRADE-PROMOTION PURPOSES AND IS NOT SUBSTITUTE FOR VISIT TO U.S. BY DEPUTY FOREIGN TRADE MINISTER PETER WHICH CZECHOSLOVAK SIDE HAD SUGGESTED LAST YEAR (PRAGUE 2279 AND 2706 BUT WHICH DID NOT COME OFF.
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